

## Resources for Undergraduate/Graduate Students Pursuing a Degree/ Higher Degree in World Language Education

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| Category                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Information and links                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Program deadlines                                                                                                                                       |
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| Prepared resources to promote language teaching as a career                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTFL has created 10 ready-to-use <u>modules</u> to engage your high school and college students to explore language teaching as a career.</li> <li>K-12 <u>Language Outreach</u> (NSA) offers a variety of enrichment activities to inspire student interest in world languages and inform them about language-related career opportunities</li> <li>PSEA is the state coordinator for <u>Educators Rising</u>, which allows for education classes to be taught at the high school level by high school teachers</li> <li>NSA <u>presentations</u> are interactive enrichment talks and activities lasting 30-60 minutes intended for students interested in language and/or culture</li> <li>Jobs &amp; internships with <u>NSA</u> (National Security Agency)</li> <li>Why learn a language? Here is a <u>link</u> with numerous resources to explain the numerous reasons to learn a language.</li> </ul>    |                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>College student scholarships and programs for students pursuing a degree in WL education</p> <p>Note: Contact the university language department regarding <u>language placement</u> to make the most of your language skills.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <u>Grow PA Grant Program</u> provides grants (maximum award of \$5,000 per year) to students who meet the qualifying criteria. A student can receive a Grow PA Grant for a maximum of 4 academic years.</li> <li><u>ABLE Institute</u> (ACTFL Black Language Educators) is a four-day immersive program for aspiring language teachers, offering support, mentorship, and leadership training to help you thrive in your teaching journey. Practicing language educators are also encouraged to attend at Howard Univ., Washington, D.C.</li> <li>The <u>TEACH Grant</u> by the US Department of Education provides grants up to \$4,000 a year to students who commit to teaching a high-need foreign language for 4 years after graduating.</li> <li><u>PA Student Teacher Support Program</u>: PHEAA provides \$10,000 toward student teachers who meet program requirements and an additional</li> </ul> | <p>Grow PA Grant- April 15</p> <p>ABLE Institute- July 13-16</p> <p>Teach Grant - June 30</p> <p>PHEAA - December 15</p> <p>PA State grant - June 1</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>\$5,000 for those in high-need areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Pennsylvania State Grant Program</u>: The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) offers need-based grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents. These grants can be used for various fields of study, including education.</li> <li>• <u>Expanish Scholarship</u> offers 2 weeks of intensive Spanish instruction</li> <li>• <u>North American Language and Culture Assistants Program</u> offers people age 18-60 the chance to be a teaching assistant in Spain. Spanish classes in Spain or Argentina (16 yrs.or older)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Expanish Scholarship- June 30</p> <p>North American and Culture Assistants program -April 5</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Undergraduate/graduate study abroad programs</p> <p>Note: Reach out to your university's International Office or Study Abroad Office about opportunities for international study.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>Critical Language Scholarship Program</u> provides full funded overseas instruction for students studying a critical language at the undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate level.</li> <li>• The <u>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship</u> provides funds for undergraduate students wishing to pursue their college studies abroad. The program is open to U.S. undergraduate students who have qualified for the Pell Grant.</li> <li>• The <u>Project Go Initiative</u> provides funding for undergraduate students pursuing degrees in one of the Army's designated critical need languages. Students must be enrolled in the ROTC, with the intention of completing a term of service as an enlisted officer in the U.S. Army.</li> <li>• The <u>Boren Awards for International Study</u> offers scholarships for students interested in pursuing studies in languages and cultures that are critical to US interests abroad. An emphasis is placed on the study of less commonly taught languages and recipients must be prepared to work in a National Security capacity following graduation.</li> <li>• <u>IES</u> Study Abroad Program is open to students who have excelled in the study of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Hindi, Italian or Spanish. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an IES Study abroad program, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.3.</li> <li>• <u>ProjectGO</u> offers opportunities for college and graduate students to study languages domestically and abroad</li> <li>• The <u>Fulbright U.S. Student Program</u> for the 2025-2026 academic year is accepting applications through October 8th. This program</li> </ul> | <p>Critical Language Scholarship - date for 2025 application not yet posted</p> <p>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship - Oct.10</p> <p>Project Go Initiative - varies by program</p> <p>Boren Awards - varies by award</p> <p>IES - varies by program</p> <p>Fulbright Student Program - Oct.8</p> |

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|                             | <p>provides opportunities to graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals. Program participants receive grants to pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English in more than 140 countries worldwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Language Flagship</u>: This initiative by the National Security Education Program has scholarships and stipends available for students pursuing advanced language education. Opportunities exist for languages like Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian, and Russian.</li> <li>• <u>North American Language and Culture Assistants Program</u> offers people aged 18-60 the chance to be a teaching assistant in Spain.</li> <li>• <u>Verto Education</u> has a first-year college study abroad program for students as a path to admission to one of Verto's partner universities</li> <li>• University of Virginia <u>TA Exchange</u> Programs in France allow graduate students to work 12 hours a week while living in France and taking classes at the university</li> <li>• <u>Institute of International Education</u> (iie) provides scholarships for study abroad opportunities</li> </ul> | <p>Language Flagship-varies</p> <p>North American and Culture Assistants program -April 5<br/>Verto Education - rolling admissions</p> <p>TA Exchange Program - February 15</p> <p>IIE - varies</p> |
| Language learning resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>NFLC e-portal</u> has a variety of resources to learn a language</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |